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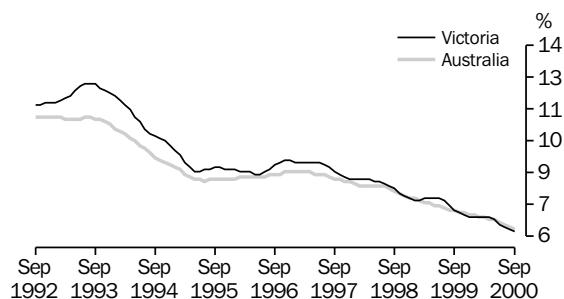
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IMPACT OF THE NEW TAX SYSTEM	ABS statistical series are being impacted to varying degrees as a result of The New Tax System (TNTS), introduced in Australia from 1 July 2000. TNTS includes the removal of Wholesale Sales Tax and the introduction of a Goods and Services Tax (GST), and as a result, a number of ABS data series will reflect significant immediate and subsequent impacts (see Appendix on page 19 for further details).	
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.	
TREND ESTIMATE	Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.	
CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE	This issue introduces the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI) which, among other things, incorporates an updated commodity classification and weighting pattern. As a result, table 8 has been expanded to 13 columns. For more details of changes resulting from the introduction of the 14th Series CPI, refer to Information Paper: Introduction of the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6456.0), which was released on 29 September 2000. Consequently the order of table 12 and table 13 have been reversed.	
SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES	<p>n.a. not available</p> <p>n.e.c. not elsewhere classified</p> <p>n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable</p> <p>n.y.a. not yet available</p> <p>p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision</p> <p>r figure or series revised since previous issue</p> <p>*</p> <p>estimate has a relative standard error greater than 25% and is therefore subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses</p> <p>.. not applicable</p> <p>— nil or rounded to zero</p>	

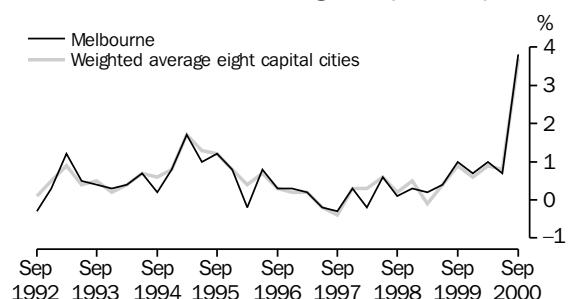
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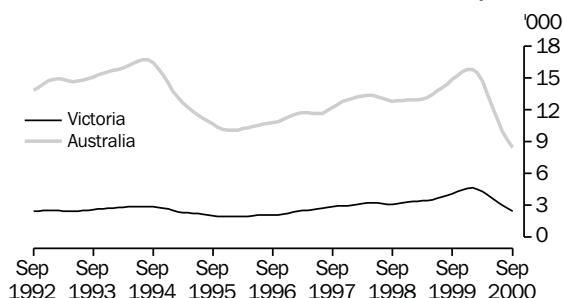
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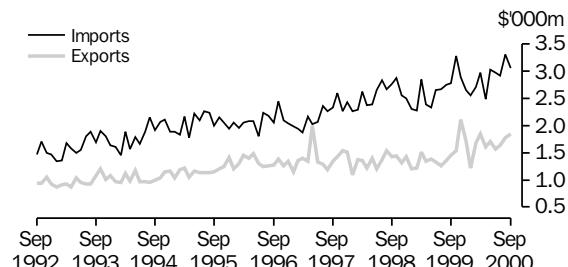
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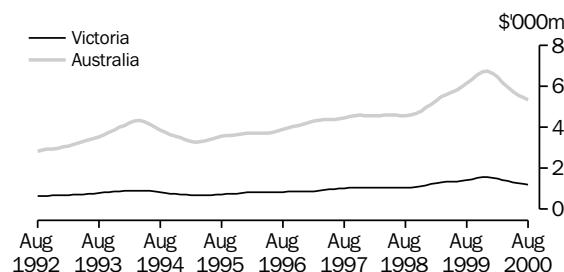
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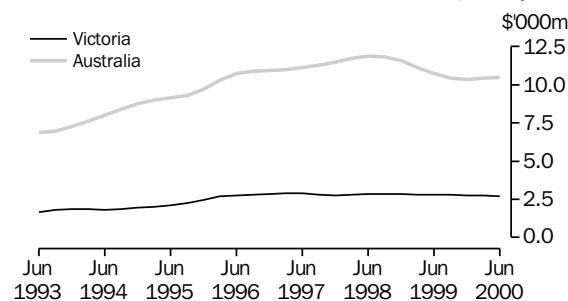
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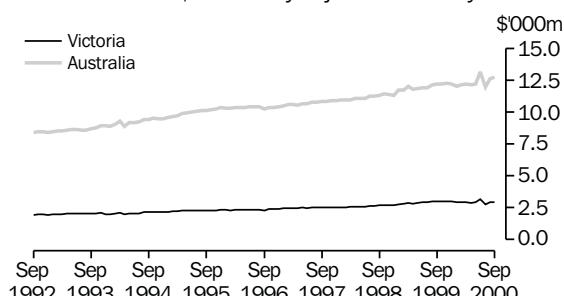
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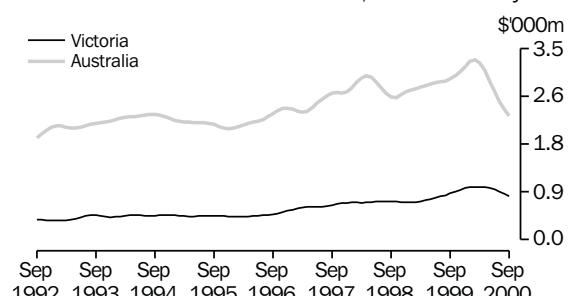
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
1996-1997	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-1998	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	27.7	49.7	3 367.0
1998-1999	2 330.1	2 382.1	4 712.2	26.2	57.2	3 417.2
1997						
December qtr	2 286.3	2 341.1	4 627.4	7.4	9.6	..
1998						
March qtr	2 295.3	2 348.9	4 644.3	7.4	16.9	..
June qtr	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	6.8	10.7	..
September qtr p	2 308.2	2 360.8	4 669.0	6.4	14.1	..
December qtr p	2 315.3	2 368.6	4 683.8	6.6	14.8	..
1999						
March qtr p	2 324.6	2 376.8	4 701.4	6.9	17.6	..
June qtr p	2 330.1	2 382.1	4 712.2	6.4	10.8	..
September qtr p	2 337.8	2 388.9	4 726.6	6.2	14.4	..
December qtr p	2 345.1	2 396.3	4 741.5	6.3	14.9	..
2000						
March qtr p	2 352.3	2 401.6	4 753.9	7.2	17.0	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Registrations								Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population		
	Deaths (including infant deaths)		Registrations		Deaths		Registrations		Infant deaths per 1,000 live births		
	Births no.	no.	Marriages no.	Divorces no.	Births rate	Deaths rate	Marriages rate	Divorces rate	rate		
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46		
1997-98	60 143	32 423	25 955	11 916	13.00	7.01	5.61	2.58	4.86		
1998-99	59 374	32 298	26 351	12 579	12.68	6.90	5.63	2.69	5.36		
1997											
December qtr	15 259	7 813	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997	60 610	32 760	25 456	12 463	13.16	7.11	5.53	2.71	4.82		
1998											
March qtr	14 577	7 169	8 530	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 870	8 097	6 070	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	15 197	8 984	3 912	3 188	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	14 648	7 850	7 860	3 548	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1998	59 292	32 100	26 372	12 307	12.74	6.90	5.67	2.64	4.82		
1999											
March qtr	14 939	7 259	8 657	2 738	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 590	8 205	5 922	3 105	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	p 14 965	p 8 747	4 211	3 461	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	p 14 554	p 8 220	8 462	3 438	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1999	p 59 048	p 32 431	27 252	12 742	12.53	6.88	5.78	2.70	5.62		
2000											
March qtr p	14 191	6 978	8 678	2 733	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual); Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate					
	Full-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time										
	'000	'000	'000	'000										
MALES														
1999														
July	1 082.6	1 243.2	80.7	14.8	95.5	1 338.7	501.3	1 840.0	7.1	72.8				
August	1 072.4	1 225.7	80.3	18.1	98.4	1 324.2	518.2	1 842.3	7.4	71.9				
September	1 079.6	1 243.7	82.8	17.7	100.5	1 344.2	500.5	1 844.7	7.5	72.9				
October	1 077.2	1 242.2	71.5	15.9	87.4	1 329.6	518.0	1 847.6	6.6	72.0				
November	1 068.9	1 228.3	74.6	14.4	89.0	1 317.4	533.2	1 850.5	6.8	71.2				
December	1 097.1	1 262.9	74.8	20.1	95.0	1 357.9	495.6	1 853.5	7.0	73.3				
2000														
January	1 077.8	1 232.6	78.0	13.5	91.4	1 324.0	531.6	1 855.6	6.9	71.4				
February	1 102.6	1 254.6	71.9	18.8	90.7	1 345.3	512.6	1 857.8	6.7	72.4				
March	1 084.4	1 249.8	71.7	21.1	92.8	1 342.5	517.5	1 860.0	6.9	72.2				
April	1 084.6	1 255.0	69.1	21.0	90.1	1 345.1	517.1	1 862.2	6.7	72.2				
May	1 091.6	1 254.7	75.4	17.0	92.4	1 347.2	517.1	1 864.3	6.9	72.3				
June	1 088.9	1 259.4	66.3	16.9	83.2	1 342.6	523.9	1 866.5	6.2	71.9				
July	1 114.2	1 282.7	61.0	14.9	75.9	1 358.5	510.5	1 869.0	5.6	72.7				
August	1 092.4	1 265.9	66.1	18.3	84.5	1 350.4	521.2	1 871.5	6.3	72.2				
September	1 115.9	1 285.8	71.0	17.7	88.7	1 374.4	499.7	1 874.1	6.5	73.3				
FEMALES														
1999														
July	542.5	963.3	38.6	35.3	73.9	1 037.2	883.4	1 920.6	7.1	54.0				
August	527.8	953.3	38.4	29.0	67.4	1 020.6	902.3	1 922.9	6.6	53.1				
September	539.5	981.9	45.5	33.9	79.3	1 061.2	864.1	1 925.3	7.5	55.1				
October	536.0	975.8	42.3	25.8	68.1	1 043.9	884.1	1 928.0	6.5	54.1				
November	533.8	975.3	38.5	27.7	66.3	1 041.6	889.1	1 930.7	6.4	54.0				
December	568.0	997.4	43.5	26.8	70.4	1 067.8	865.6	1 933.4	6.6	55.2				
2000														
January	547.3	943.2	43.4	33.8	77.3	1 020.5	915.0	1 935.4	7.6	52.7				
February	546.2	965.8	49.9	34.2	84.1	1 049.9	887.6	1 937.5	8.0	54.2				
March	546.9	981.2	47.6	33.3	80.9	1 062.1	877.4	1 939.5	7.6	54.8				
April	541.5	978.8	44.0	30.3	74.3	1 053.1	888.3	1 941.5	7.1	54.2				
May	544.2	990.4	45.5	25.6	71.1	1 061.6	881.8	1 943.4	6.7	54.6				
June	562.8	1 009.7	42.2	25.0	67.2	1 076.8	868.5	1 945.3	6.2	55.4				
July	575.0	1 016.8	39.8	28.6	68.4	1 085.2	862.6	1 947.8	6.3	55.7				
August	550.1	1 001.3	39.7	22.0	61.6	1 063.0	887.3	1 950.3	5.8	54.5				
September	568.1	1 018.5	42.5	30.6	73.1	1 091.6	861.2	1 952.8	6.7	55.9				
PERSONS														
1999														
July	1 625.1	2 206.5	119.4	50.1	169.4	2 375.9	1 384.6	3 760.6	7.1	63.2				
August	1 600.2	2 179.0	118.7	47.1	165.8	2 344.8	1 420.5	3 765.3	7.1	62.3				
September	1 619.1	2 225.5	128.3	51.6	179.9	2 405.4	1 364.5	3 770.0	7.5	63.8				
October	1 613.2	2 218.0	113.7	41.8	155.5	2 373.5	1 402.1	3 775.6	6.6	62.9				
November	1 602.7	2 203.7	113.2	42.1	155.3	2 359.0	1 422.2	3 781.2	6.6	62.4				
December	1 665.1	2 260.3	118.3	47.0	165.3	2 425.7	1 361.2	3 786.8	6.8	64.1				
2000														
January	1 625.1	2 175.8	121.4	47.3	168.7	2 344.5	1 446.6	3 791.1	7.2	61.8				
February	1 648.7	2 220.4	121.8	53.0	174.8	2 395.2	1 400.1	3 795.3	7.3	63.1				
March	1 631.3	2 230.9	119.3	54.4	173.7	2 404.6	1 394.9	3 799.6	7.2	63.3				
April	1 626.1	2 233.8	113.1	51.3	164.4	2 398.2	1 405.4	3 803.6	6.9	63.1				
May	1 635.8	2 245.2	120.9	42.7	163.6	2 408.8	1 399.0	3 807.7	6.8	63.3				
June	1 651.7	2 269.0	108.5	41.9	150.4	2 419.4	1 392.4	3 811.8	6.2	63.5				
July	1 689.2	2 299.5	100.8	43.5	144.3	2 443.8	1 373.1	3 816.8	5.9	64.0				
August	1 642.4	2 267.2	105.8	40.3	146.1	2 413.3	1 408.5	3 821.8	6.1	63.1				
September	1 684.0	2 304.2	113.5	48.3	161.8	2 466.0	1 360.8	3 826.8	6.6	64.4				

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

	May 1999	Aug 1999	Nov 1999	Feb 2000	May 2000	Aug 2000
Industry division	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	58.6	56.3	56.1	56.6	63.2	62.3
Mining	*3.1	*2.9	*3.6	5.1	7.4	5.4
Manufacturing	241.9	236.6	244.6	255.5	256.0	264.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	14.4	13.9	10.6	11.1	14.2	12.2
Construction	130.1	133.8	137.0	136.3	140.5	140.4
Wholesale trade	81.6	88.6	90.4	77.6	76.9	71.9
Retail trade	166.0	161.7	163.9	166.0	163.8	149.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	41.7	40.0	41.2	46.2	46.0	41.8
Transport and storage	72.0	75.5	70.8	71.8	72.8	72.7
Communication services	27.8	27.9	29.6	35.7	38.2	37.8
Finance and insurance	43.4	36.8	38.9	42.7	38.7	42.2
Property and business services	154.3	162.2	148.7	144.5	143.6	157.8
Government administration and defence	28.8	27.7	35.2	34.3	29.3	31.6
Education	45.4	46.4	50.2	48.0	44.2	47.5
Health and community services	42.3	39.5	36.4	41.5	44.0	50.9
Cultural and recreational services	27.3	32.3	30.4	31.7	32.4	35.5
Personal and other services	41.5	43.4	40.8	50.0	43.6	42.2
Total	1 220.4	1 225.7	1 228.3	1 254.6	1 254.7	1 265.9
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	26.8	26.4	29.1	25.8	29.2	30.1
Mining	*0.3	*0.6	*0.8	*1.4	*2.0	*2.0
Manufacturing	98.1	94.5	98.9	101.6	108.1	105.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	*3.9	*3.0	*2.4	*2.4	*2.8	*1.7
Construction	17.2	17.3	18.5	21.0	17.4	19.2
Wholesale trade	42.8	46.1	50.0	34.5	37.2	35.8
Retail trade	168.5	174.9	172.2	173.7	170.7	167.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	44.6	47.0	48.9	48.3	56.9	54.7
Transport and storage	22.2	20.8	22.7	20.9	23.7	25.7
Communication services	14.0	14.1	17.3	19.5	17.5	18.2
Finance and insurance	37.3	39.7	45.7	49.4	48.1	48.5
Property and business services	108.9	123.6	114.5	116.8	118.4	129.4
Government administration and defence	38.7	38.6	40.7	34.2	34.8	39.3
Education	101.1	105.1	97.1	93.6	99.8	108.3
Health and community services	144.3	137.6	149.6	156.8	158.7	161.1
Cultural and recreational services	32.6	26.2	26.4	24.9	28.4	28.0
Personal and other services	38.7	37.6	40.4	41.0	36.9	26.4
Total	940.0	953.3	975.3	965.8	990.4	1 001.3
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	85.3	82.7	85.2	82.4	92.4	92.3
Mining	*3.4	*3.5	*4.4	6.5	9.3	7.4
Manufacturing	340.0	331.2	343.5	357.1	364.1	370.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	18.3	16.9	13.0	13.5	17.0	13.9
Construction	147.3	151.1	155.6	157.3	157.9	159.7
Wholesale trade	124.4	134.7	140.4	112.1	114.1	107.6
Retail trade	334.5	336.7	336.0	339.7	334.5	316.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	86.3	87.1	90.0	94.5	102.9	96.5
Transport and storage	94.2	96.4	93.5	92.7	96.5	98.5
Communication services	41.9	42.0	46.9	55.1	55.7	56.0
Finance and insurance	80.7	76.5	84.7	92.1	86.8	90.8
Property and business services	263.3	285.8	263.2	261.3	262.0	287.1
Government administration and defence	67.5	66.3	75.8	68.5	64.1	71.0
Education	146.5	151.5	147.3	141.6	144.0	155.8
Health and community services	186.6	177.1	186.0	198.3	202.7	212.0
Cultural and recreational services	60.0	58.5	56.8	56.6	60.8	63.5
Personal and other services	80.2	80.9	81.2	91.0	80.5	68.6
Total	2 160.3	2 179.0	2 203.7	2 220.4	2 245.2	2 267.2

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	'000	Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Public	Private	
May	22.1	2.5	19.6	1.05
August	29.3	3.0	26.4	1.39
November	31.0	3.8	27.1	1.49
2000				
February	27.0	4.4	22.5	1.33
May	30.9	6.7	24.2	1.50
August	48.3	4.1	*44.2	2.29

Source: *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly).

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Beginning in period	Total	Disputes		Employees involved		Working days lost			
		no.	no.	'000	'000	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries
						'000	'000	'000	'000
1999									
March	29	32		3.6	4.2	7.3	1.0	—	1.3 9.6
April	15	21		13.9	14.8	7.1	13.0	—	1.8 21.9
May	23	25		3.6	3.9	7.5	0.1	0.1	1.2 8.8
June	23	25		10.9	11.3	13.1	1.2	0.1	1.2 15.6
July	16	23		10.3	11.0	11.5	6.6	1.1	0.5 19.6
August	29	34		75.9	76.5	42.7	8.5	10.6	6.1 67.9
September	13	14		14.0	14.1	19.2	4.6	—	0.2 24.0
October	21	23		8.2	8.4	1.6	5.1	0.7	0.6 8.0
November	17	21		17.8	17.9	5.2	19.6	—	0.6 25.4
December	29	34		5.6	6.5	6.2	1.7	—	0.5 8.4
2000									
January	19	24		2.7	2.9	3.9	2.4	—	0.8 7.1
February	18	24		7.8	8.5	6.4	12.8	—	1.5 20.7
March	17	21		4.9	8.1	4.9	10.4	2.0	2.4 19.7
April	8	15		1.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	0.5	1.4 9.9
May	22	26		8.7	8.9	1.9	7.0	0.0	0.5 9.4
June	19	23		6.2	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.0	2.4 9.5
July	18	23		6.9	9.5	1.0	3.6	2.0	0.0 6.6

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
1999									
February	769.20	823.70	710.90	658.10	673.20	474.40	729.00	769.20	600.30
May	783.00	835.00	717.60	666.20	679.80	486.50	740.60	778.60	608.00
August	772.30	821.00	705.70	685.20	700.80	488.40	740.80	777.60	601.60
November	780.80	838.80	726.90	695.40	712.40	488.80	750.10	793.40	610.80
2000									
February	797.80	843.70	732.30	696.70	710.00	492.60	761.30	795.40	616.20
May	799.10	850.10	739.60	706.00	722.60	504.80	765.90	804.70	626.30

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

Period	Food	Alcohol and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Household furnishings, supplies and services	Health
1997-1998	120.5	161.4	108.9	86.5	115.1	178.1
1998-1999	125.1	166.9	108.1	86.7	115.1	174.2
1999-2000	128.7	174.2	107.1	90.7	114.7	168.3
1998						
June qtr	121.6	163.9	108.9	86.2	115.1	183.1
September qtr	123.6	165.0	108.9	85.3	115.3	183.8
December qtr	124.3	166.0	108.2	86.6	115.3	181.8
1999						
March qtr	125.8	167.6	107.5	87.3	114.7	165.2
June qtr	126.7	169.1	107.8	87.5	115.1	166.0
September qtr	127.8	169.4	107.5	88.8	114.3	166.0
December qtr	128.6	173.7	107.1	90.4	114.4	165.9
2000						
March qtr	128.3	176.5	106.9	91.7	114.3	170.2
June qtr	130.1	177.3	106.9	91.7	115.7	170.9
September qtr	131.6	187.6	116.2	97.8	117.9	171.9

Period	Transportation	Communication	Recreation	Education	Miscellaneous	All groups	Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
1997-1998	123.3	106.3	120.9	160.1	131.7	119.8	120.3
1998-1999	120.8	102.8	121.7	167.9	135.6	120.9	121.8
1999-2000	127.9	97.6	122.5	175.5	146.1	124.1	124.7
1998							
June qtr	122.0	105.9	121.5	164.2	132.7	120.3	121.0
September qtr	121.0	105.0	120.9	164.2	134.1	120.4	121.3
December qtr	120.6	103.7	121.6	164.2	134.6	120.8	121.9
1999							
March qtr	119.9	101.3	122.8	171.5	136.3	121.0	121.8
June qtr	121.6	101.0	121.3	171.5	137.4	121.5	122.3
September qtr	125.9	97.5	122.3	171.5	139.7	122.7	123.4
December qtr	125.2	97.1	122.6	171.5	143.3	123.5	124.1
2000							
March qtr	129.2	97.2	122.7	179.4	147.8	124.7	125.2
June qtr	131.2	98.5	122.4	179.4	153.4	125.6	126.2
September qtr	134.5	105.4	127.8	179.7	159.3	130.4	130.9

Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1999–2000							Weighted average of six state capital cities—Sept qtr 2000
	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sept qtr		
House building								
All groups	117.1	118.0	121.7	122.9	124.2	123.2		124.5
Other than house building								
Structural timber	115.6	116.2	118.5	119.9	123.2	126.2		138.6
Clay bricks	117.9	119.6	123.8	126.3	130.3	130.2		128.0
Ready mix concrete	111.4	112.9	110.8	110.3	110.1	108.6		101.1
Precast concrete products	115.7	123.9	130.9	133.6	135.8	138.2		131.0
Steel decking and cladding	109.4	108.0	109.3	108.0	113.0	113.2		118.0
Structural steel	104.9	104.9	101.3	100.8	101.0	101.2		113.0
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	100.8	99.5	93.8	94.7	94.0	89.3		102.1
Aluminium windows	100.0	100.4	105.1	104.9	110.0	111.5		119.3
Fabricated steel products	120.0	124.7	125.6	125.6	126.1	124.1		117.6
Builders' hardware	119.6	122.7	127.6	126.0	133.6	135.2		134.9
Sand and aggregate	116.3	120.5	120.6	120.2	120.6	118.3		122.3
Carpet	102.6	100.1	98.9	98.0	98.7	93.5		95.5
Paint and other coatings	144.7	153.8	162.4	164.3	164.1	165.3		151.2
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	113.0	111.2	116.6	117.6	118.2	120.8		135.0
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	111.0	112.3	113.0	112.9	114.7	114.1		116.0
All electrical materials	109.8	112.4	116.8	117.2	117.4	112.8		118.2
All mechanical services	114.9	118.2	120.6	120.9	121.6	115.4		113.9
All plumbing materials	122.8	122.8	127.7	128.2	130.6	128.4		130.1
All groups	111.4	113.2	114.4	114.5	116.0	114.0		115.5

Base of each index: year 1989–90 = 100.0.

Source: *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly); *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1997–1998	1 798.0	767.2	3 285.6	6 385.7	1 567.7
1998–1999	1 751.3	714.4	3 079.6	6 699.4	1 572.8
1999–2000	1 524.2	678.5	3 815.7	7 144.0	1 443.7
1999					
June	126.2	78.5	230.4	524.4	133.1
July	124.9	90.6	246.1	554.1	127.0
August	117.4	182.8	238.9	535.4	123.0
September	112.3	142.5	282.6	625.0	126.3
October	123.3	50.2	329.1	605.3	116.2
November	132.5	20.7	344.2	639.7	117.3
December	133.5	9.0	339.1	610.6	131.2
2000					
January	124.0	7.2	341.0	530.8	109.9
February	136.1	8.1	398.8	590.6	117.6
March	140.8	16.9	392.6	627.4	131.2
April	106.9	26.4	273.0	515.7	110.1
May	140.7	50.1	341.0	655.0	126.7
June	131.3	74.0	289.6	654.9	107.2
July	108.6	82.8	272.2	620.1	93.8
August r	127.6	189.8	304.9	704.1	103.4
September	115.3	114.1	290.0	624.7	80.4

Source: *Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.*

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MEAT PRODUCTION

	Meat (carcass weight)				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1997-1998	389 087	15 578	63 470	119 972	112 504
1998-1999	398 815	14 225	61 647	128 379	114 581
1999-2000	351 371	13 371	76 713	140 205	106 691
1999					
June	28 023	1 520	4 615	10 337	9 824
July	28 011	1 729	4 976	11 002	9 358
August	26 379	3 563	4 894	10 232	9 197
September	25 749	2 797	5 943	12 233	9 442
October	28 673	1 010	7 278	11 770	8 698
November	31 629	425	7 038	12 338	8 796
December	31 062	208	6 897	11 709	9 403
2000					
January	29 030	177	6 749	10 608	8 029
February	31 668	198	7 647	11 693	8 499
March	32 739	364	7 598	12 316	9 595
April	24 523	533	5 268	10 200	7 866
May	32 077	970	6 634	13 158	9 689
June	29 732	1 397	5 797	12 955	8 119
July	25 181	1 534	5 791	12 311	7 077
August r	29 353	3 638	6 555	14 079	7 875
September	27 079	2 316	6 014	12 324	6 075

Source: *Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.*

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NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1997-1998	27 937	26 004	12 368	22 425	7 412	7 598	5 148	6 542
1998-1999	29 227	29 165	14 455	26 926	8 861	8 307	6 198	7 029
1999-2000	36 175	34 603	17 957	31 035	12 009	11 554	9 698	7 954
1999								
March qtr	7 071	6 494	13 846	5 699	2 461	2 159	5 752	1 559
June qtr	7 757	7 910	14 455	7 281	2 319	2 466	6 198	1 864
September qtr	r 9 293	8 155	15 667	6 939	r 3 184	3 354	7 844	1 702
December qtr	r 9 671	8 817	15 741	8 719	r 2 558	2 680	8 910	1 566
2000								
March qtr r	9 663	8 975	18 128	6 569	3 883	2 856	9 509	2 220
June qtr	7 548	8 656	17 957	8 808	2 384	2 664	9 698	2 466

(a) Under construction at the end of the period.

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly); Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).*

New dwelling units(a)													
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(b)			Non-residential building(c)			
										Alterations, additions and conversions(d)	Private sector	Total	Total all building
	no.	\$m		no.	\$m		no.	\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION													
1997-1998	27 490	3 026.5		752	56.0		28 242	3 082.6		701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8
1998-1999	28 615	3 550.4		666	49.6		29 276	3 600.0		800.3	1 918.6	2 642.3	7 042.6
1999-2000	36 843	5 058.7		611	51.1		37 454	5 109.8		1 019.0	2 226.9	2 654.3	8 783.1
1999													
June	2 450	320.9		46	4.0		2 495	324.9		69.2	108.4	125.1	519.2
July	2 755	353.0		88	6.3		2 843	359.3		92.2	183.6	208.6	660.2
August	3 775	494.7		39	4.3		3 814	499.0		86.1	159.3	226.3	811.5
September	3 046	406.8		72	5.9		3 118	412.7		76.9	203.3	218.9	708.6
October	2 817	372.2		93	8.0		2 910	380.2		84.7	158.2	201.6	666.5
November	3 213	417.2		59	4.6		3 272	421.8		93.0	167.5	194.5	709.3
December	3 122	443.9		65	6.4		3 187	450.3		72.0	148.6	213.2	735.5
2000													
January	3 250	535.7		19	1.6		3 269	537.3		66.9	171.6	188.6	792.8
February	3 474	457.3		54	4.1		3 528	461.4		87.5	208.2	262.5	811.5
March	3 809	533.3		9	0.8		3 818	534.1		84.9	153.0	171.1	790.1
April	2 548	336.3		30	2.3		2 578	338.6		97.8	232.1	289.9	726.3
May	2 524	357.7		40	3.5		2 564	361.2		83.7	158.1	173.4	618.3
June	2 434	344.8		43	3.3		2 477	348.1		93.3	283.3	305.5	747.0
July	2 316	395.3		36	3.0		2 352	398.3		114.9	155.3	523.0	1 036.2
August	1 949	291.2		32	3.1		1 981	294.3		88.8	193.0	227.8	610.9
September	1 819	258.5		32	3.3		1 851	261.7		56.5	178.4	215.1	533.4
TOTAL VICTORIA													
1997-1998	34 178	3 811.3		1 171	88.6		35 349	3 899.8		858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8
1998-1999	37 194	4 482.6		894	67.2		38 088	4 549.9		951.2	2 262.5	3 125.7	8 626.8
1999-2000	47 474	6 318.8		787	65.1		48 261	6 383.9		1 210.7	2 622.3	3 215.2	10 809.8
1999													
June	3 214	408.5		51	4.6		3 265	413.2		83.4	156.3	183.2	679.8
July	3 574	445.9		134	9.2		3 708	455.1		105.2	212.7	249.0	809.4
August	4 626	588		66	6.4		4 692	594.4		101.9	204.6	282.9	979.3
September	3 972	514.7		105	8.6		4 077	523.3		95.7	222.1	245.6	864.6
October	3 788	488.4		98	8.4		3 886	496.8		99.5	186.1	240.9	837.2
November	4 161	529.3		68	5.4		4 229	534.7		107.3	198.0	235.7	877.8
December	4 047	555.1		67	6.6		4 114	561.7		88.1	186.6	266.2	916.0
2000													
January	4 046	630.6		27	2.3		4 073	633.0		80.3	196.5	235.1	948.3
February	4 597	592.8		73	5.9		4 670	598.7		101.2	235.1	325.5	1 025.5
March	4 791	653.1		12	1.1		4 803	654.2		103.3	185.8	215.8	973.4
April	3 334	433.0		39	3.0		3 373	436.0		112.8	257.2	327.3	876.1
May	3 335	456.0		49	4.2		3 384	460.3		103.5	213.2	240.2	804.0
June	3 126	425.9		49	3.8		3 175	429.7		111.7	324.3	350.9	892.2
July	2 851	462.1		38	3.1		2 889	465.2		125.7	180.8	562.6	1 153.5
August	2 512	364.7		59	5.3		2 571	370.0		104.9	219.0	267.7	742.7
September	2 396	327.5		32	3.3		2 428	330.7		72.4	226.0	291.8	694.9

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(c) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(d) Includes alterations and additions creating dwellings, alterations and additions not creating dwellings and conversions.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).

	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	Total
			\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
1997-1998	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4
1998-1999	4 496.3	987.2	444.1	263.6	428.1	485.0	239.9	1 186.0	8 530.2
1999-2000	6 319.0	1 282.9	556.1	384.3	482.6	383.2	315.9	925.2	10 649.2
1999									
March qtr	1 046.8	223.8	75.3	64.4	98.3	98.2	41.1	190.0	1 837.9
June qtr	1 257.1	250.4	119.8	64.3	91.1	78.7	76.9	341.1	2 279.4
September qtr	1 540.9	305.2	119.0	69.5	83.6	86.0	71.7	242.1	2 518.0
December qtr	1 544.5	278.8	110.4	65.8	176.6	83.2	75.9	188.1	2 523.2
2000									
March qtr r	1 652.2	327.1	119.9	90.0	115.1	124.2	103.4	251.7	2 783.6
June qtr	1 581.4	371.8	206.7	159.1	107.4	89.8	65.0	243.3	2 824.4
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1997-1998	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6
1998-1999	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8
1999-2000	4 209.7	605.9	474.4	223.4	218.4	516.6	291.8	1 044.0	7 584.2
1999									
March qtr	2 644.3	471.4	402.8	138.2	203.8	522.4	243.7	1 461.3	6 087.9
June qtr	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8
September qtr	3 229.8	531.2	440.2	117.8	129.6	527.3	237.1	1 503.3	6 716.2
December qtr	3 493.2	561.2	305.7	110.0	206.0	491.7	219.6	1 433.6	6 821.0
2000									
March qtr r	4 063.0	654.0	367.9	136.6	229.7	504.9	283.1	1 104.6	7 343.8
June qtr	4 209.7	605.9	474.4	223.4	218.4	516.6	291.8	1 044.0	7 584.2
COMPLETED									
1997-1998	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4
1998-1999	4 068.1	992.4	487.3	294.3	524.9	328.5	305.1	1 110.3	8 111.0
1999-2000	5 009.5	1 179.1	570.8	291.7	461.6	398.2	283.6	1 602.0	9 796.5
1999									
March qtr	855.2	215.9	100.6	64.1	155.6	69.2	56.6	312.4	1 829.5
June qtr	1 134.9	280.2	118.0	83.1	121.3	118.8	93.2	210.2	2 159.7
September qtr	1 075.3	235.3	116.3	76.1	147.0	50.2	81.2	375.3	2 156.7
December qtr	1 319.3	260.9	277.4	75.1	101.6	r 124.1	94.0	r 265.3	2 517.6
2000									
March qtr r	1 114.1	247.4	69.9	65.5	91.9	119.6	40.6	605.8	2 354.8
June qtr	1 500.8	435.5	107.2	75.0	121.2	104.3	67.8	355.6	2 767.3

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1998–1999	1 234	2 954	7 180	11 368	3 211	8 157
1999–2000	616	3 379	7 022	11 017	2 776	8 240
1999						
March qtr	321	652	1 665	2 639	862	1 777
June qtr	306	803	1 758	2 868	668	2 200
September qtr	205	918	1 709	2 832	799	2 033
December qtr	194	928	1 849	2 970	711	2 260
2000						
March qtr	66	721	1 622	2 409	595	1 814
June qtr	151	812	1 842	2 806	672	2 134
EXPECTED						
1999–2000	813	3 513	6 547	10 872	2 664	8 208
2000–2001	704	3 824	5 501	10 029	2 086	7 943

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

	Fixed loan facilities							Total commitments
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1999								
June	171.3	623.3	211.8	88.4	2 189.9	3 284.7	1 748.3	5 033.0
July	137.8	521.0	159.0	14.9	684.6	1 517.2	1 977.9	3 495.1
August	234.0	555.5	169.2	25.2	755.8	1 739.7	1 214.0	2 953.7
September	147.8	546.9	205.8	33.8	719.7	1 654.1	1 372.4	3 026.5
October	266.0	610.1	195.8	25.0	1 128.8	2 225.7	1 544.8	3 770.5
November	235.6	633.8	214.3	65.0	502.9	1 651.7	1 288.5	2 940.2
December	155.9	689.9	254.2	77.7	572.1	1 749.9	1 853.3	3 603.2
2000								
January	194.5	527.0	154.1	60.5	406.0	1 342.1	1 153.7	2 495.9
February	118.6	657.5	201.3	57.5	523.4	1 558.3	1 523.2	3 081.5
March	123.0	672.2	211.1	92.0	683.5	1 781.7	2 013.8	3 795.5
April	137.3	536.1	185.9	218.3	536.2	1 613.9	1 396.7	3 010.5
May	149.4	706.6	217.7	91.5	579.4	1 744.5	2 580.0	4 324.5
June	186.8	775.7	351.5	207.6	1 979.7	3 501.3	1 642.0	5 143.2
July	234.7	549.3	178.6	254.3	719.1	1 936.1	1 486.8	3 422.9
August	176.5	544.3	226.7	342.1	828.3	2 117.9	1 100.8	3 218.7

Source: AusStats (Cat. no. 1405.0.55.001).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1999						
June	11 305	1 445	10 420	1 346	10 642	1 348
July	10 518	1 334	10 355	1 323	10 686	1 369
August	10 855	1 397	10 668	1 370	10 875	1 409
September	11 377	1 475	11 069	1 408	11 179	1 466
October	11 386	1 534	11 740	1 600	11 509	1 526
November	12 231	1 639	12 127	1 628	11 662	1 565
December	11 652	1 592	11 617	1 568	11 616	1 573
2000						
January	8 962	1 242	11 342	1 521	11 376	1 550
February	11 184	1 498	11 051	1 554	r 10 993	1 498
March	11 558	1 554	10 526	1 389	r 10 575	r 1 431
April	8 681	1 172	9 349	1 298	r 10 227	r 1 367
May	12 592	1 622	11 429	1 462	r 9 978	r 1 314
June	9 352	1 250	8 630	1 152	r 9 802	r 1 271
July r	9 319	1 169	9 640	1 182	9 684	1 237
August	10 876	1 372	10 131	1 300	9 630	1 213

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing						Total
			Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services			
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1999									
July	1 210.5	263.2	219.0	336.4	136.5	322.8	438.8	2 927.2	
August	1 177.9	221.3	209.5	337.6	139.8	315.1	422.3	2 823.5	
September	1 186.2	248.5	222.6	347.8	149.5	324.5	438.8	2 917.9	
October	1 242.0	259.3	234.5	379.3	148.5	324.2	448.9	3 036.6	
November	1 231.9	304.1	243.3	392.3	157.8	338.4	441.7	3 109.6	
December	1 463.8	528.1	339.8	498.2	233.8	439.8	526.4	4 030.0	
2000									
January	1 219.9	228.0	221.5	358.1	138.2	267.6	412.3	2 845.5	
February	1 155.2	195.9	181.7	326.1	120.7	268.1	406.6	2 654.2	
March	1 244.7	224.2	217.4	342.8	132.1	292.6	451.7	2 905.5	
April	1 163.1	260.6	224.2	309.6	117.4	291.9	388.4	2 755.3	
May	1 180.1	265.3	248.2	349.8	118.9	305.2	393.8	2 861.3	
June	1 173.5	298.6	279.7	416.3	124.1	313.6	399.9	3 005.8	
July	1 211.9	202.4	173.1	316.4	115.5	294.2	394.1	2 707.6	
August	1 236.0	234.6	189.4	340.4	124.0	315.0	414.1	2 853.6	
September	1 216.2	245.9	193.9	341.3	130.7	311.2	408.4	2 847.6	

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

	1999-2000		Three months ending Sep 2000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food(b)(c)	1 358	4 425	356	1 232
1 Beverages and tobacco(b)(c)	141	187	60	58
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)(b)(c)	625	1 580	177	436
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials(c)	1 763	1 222	539	398
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(b)(c)	93	113	27	27
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.(b)(c)	3 352	1 024	885	290
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material(b)(c)	4 684	2 681	1 293	687
7 Machinery and transport equipment(b)(c)	14 769	3 963	3 951	972
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)(c)	5 835	1 162	1 714	358
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.(d)	1 133	2 677	281	799
Total	33 754	19 033	9 283	5 257

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

(b) Excludes export commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 9.

(c) Excludes imports commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 9.

(d) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1998-99		1999-2000		Three months ending September 2000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	239	102	258	110	70	22
Brazil	118	48	105	46	36	21
Canada	392	125	445	135	108	40
China	2 537	669	3 030	1 124	1 043	320
Fiji	180	242	194	286	32	87
Finland	188	9	187	9	58	2
France	619	131	622	136	172	37
Germany	2 341	407	2 402	397	618	105
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	431	900	403	945	127	268
India	261	192	262	193	88	55
Indonesia	1 078	226	893	295	230	85
Italy	1 038	288	1 036	332	259	97
Japan	4 133	1 676	4 416	1 860	1 310	540
Korea, Republic of	847	862	870	1 236	245	425
Malaysia	873	431	1 118	514	268	103
Mexico	103	90	111	74	34	33
Netherlands	292	109	318	105	65	27
New Zealand	1 333	1 635	1 491	2 297	389	511
Pakistan	87	43	85	56	29	24
Papua New Guinea	64	188	67	139	10	30
Philippines	157	387	163	385	56	111
Saudi Arabia	107	511	221	704	47	184
Singapore	510	1 080	632	1 475	141	397
South Africa	125	217	166	229	46	64
Sweden	598	25	607	29	121	5
Switzerland	335	34	319	40	83	9
Taiwan	905	920	922	835	262	194
Thailand	523	343	673	439	234	93
United Kingdom	1 839	1 169	1 793	694	445	121
United States of America	6 891	1 469	7 701	1 630	1 837	529
Other and unknown	1 870	1 956	2 244	2 284	820	718
Total	31 014	16 484	33 754	19 033	9 283	5 257

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria		Australia		
	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports (including re-exports) \$m	Excess of exports \$m
1998-1999	31 014	16 484	97 611	85 992	-11 619
1999-2000	33 754	19 033	r 110 132	r 97 275	-12 857
1999					
July	2 663	1 256	8 181	7 156	-1 025
August	2 748	1 352	8 871	7 347	-1 524
September	2 777	1 460	8 965	7 393	-1 572
October	3 282	1 536	10 216	7 984	-2 232
November	2 892	2 105	9 701	8 473	-1 228
December	2 653	1 716	8 922	8 375	-547
2000					
January	2 556	r 1 218	8 110	6 831	-1 279
February	2 702	r 1 679	8 654	8 233	-421
March	2 979	1 840	9 648	r 8 812	-836
April	2 490	r 1 602	8 004	8 271	267
May	3 035	r 1 705	r 10 414	9 214	-1 200
June r	2 977	1 564	10 446	9 186	-1 260
July r	2 911	1 640	9 772	9 365	-407
August r	3 319	1 770	10 749	9 352	-1 397
September	3 053	1 847	9 885	9 783	-102

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied '000	Room occupancy rate %	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation \$'000
1998							
December	682	29 717	81 976	1 602.6	58.7	20 813	182 207
1999							
March	686	30 160	83 420	1 680.8	62.0	21 129	195 573
June	698	30 766	85 247	1 545.6	55.4	21 725	170 130
September	698	30 934	85 483	1 589.5	56.0	21 780	184 105
December	705	31 317	86 058	1 672.7	58.1	21 633	191 644
2000							
March	707	31 332	86 134	1 773.4	62.3	21 498	213 272
June	705	31 384	86 372	1 628.9	57.1	21 586	185 332

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

APPENDIX

IMPACT OF THE NEW TAX SYSTEM (TNTS) ON DATA SERIES IN THIS PUBLICATION

CPI

As the CPI (table 8) measures final transaction prices inclusive of indirect taxes, the introduction of The New Tax System (TNTS) has had a direct impact on the CPI. The September quarter 2000 CPI estimates have been particularly affected by the introduction of the goods and services tax and the removal of wholesale sales taxes and some state and territory taxes. For more information regarding the impact of TNTS on the CPI, refer to *Information Paper: Price Indexes and The New Tax System* (Cat. no. 6425.0), which was released on 3 May 2000.

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